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NOTE VERBALE DATED 18 MARCH 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 14 and 17 March 1994, there appear to have been three flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,528.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(14-17 March 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1548	14 Mar.	0810	1445	This flight began as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC of a green MI-8 helicopter (tail No. 12369) with a Serb flag and red cross, from Pale to Zvornik. The flight became a violation when it deviated from its approved flight plan by departing Zvornik early, prior to inspection, and proceeding to an unknown destination. The same helicopter was later observed by United Nations military observers flying over Zvornik, heading south-west. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east then south-west Unknown Unknown
				[15 March: no violations reported]	
				[16 March: no violations reported]	
1549	17 Mar.	0930	0955	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter flying in the vicinity of Tuzla, heading north-east. The same helicopter was observed again at 0940 hours, heading east, and at 0955 hours, heading south. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Slow Low
1550	17 Mar.	1440	1502	United Nations military observers observed a blue and white helicopter with a red cross take off from Zenica and fly east. UNPROFOR personnel observed the same helicopter attempting to land near Stipici (15 kilometres south of Vitez). The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East then landing Slow Low